

## CHAPTER NO. 878

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2831

By Representatives Hood, McDaniel, Overbey, Montgomery, Harrison, Davidson, Coleman, Sherry Jones, Cobb, Casada, Walker, Russell Johnson, Head, Eldridge, Phillip Johnson, Vincent, Sargent, Hargett, Maddox, Fitzhugh, Shepard, Pinion, Shaw, Borchert, Yokley, Litz, Bone, Bittle, Langster, McMillan, Baird, Crider, DuBois, Fowlkes, McDonald, Winningham, Marrero, Hensley, Harmon, McKee, Roach, Sontany, Windle, Buttry, Kent, Vaughn, Godsey, Todd, Brenda Turner, Hackworth, Black, Hagood, Cochran, Gresham, Davis, Mumpower, West, Pleasant and Mr. Speaker Naifeh

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3093**

By Senators Clabough, Ketron, Cooper, McNally, Herron, Burks, Bryson, Atchley, Beavers, Burchett, Cohen, Crowe, Crutchfield, Dixon, Ford, Fowler, Graves, Harper, Haynes, Henry, Jackson, Kilby, Kurita, Kyle, McLeary, Miller, Norris, Person, Ramsey, Southerland, Trail, Williams and Mr. Speaker Wilder

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2, relative to compensation for death in the line of duty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto:

Section 7-51-206.

(a) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Firefighter" means any unpaid volunteer member of a municipal or non-profit fire department who is registered and recognized by the state fire marshal and who is required to extinguish and control fires or fire-related incidents; and

(2) "In the line of duty" means in the course of employment and in the actual discharge of duties of the position.

(b) The estate of any firefighter who is killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Payment shall be made from the general fund after receipt by the department of finance and administration of a certified death certificate and an affidavit from the decedent's employer or fire suppression unit that the decedent was killed in the line of duty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 20, 2004

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR